

**Burton Fire District  
Commissioners Meeting  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Station 891**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Gary Bright                          Chief Rountree  
            Commissioner Thomas Peoples  
            Commissioner Cecil Lanier  
            Commissioner Herbert Burnes  
            Commissioner John Harris

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:15

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the agenda as amended. (July and August financials not up for approval this evening. Only April through June.)  
Commissioner Burnes seconded.  
Motion approved.

Commissioner Peoples motioned to accept the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes  
Commissioner Harris seconded.  
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the April, May and June 2012 financial statements.  
Commissioner Lanier seconded.  
Motion approved.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Burnes motioned to enter in executive session at 18:25 to discuss the City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal Contract for informational purposes only.  
Commissioner Harris seconded.

Executive session dismissed at 19:25.  
No action taken.

**Old Business**

**Budget** – The FY 13 Budget approval letter came in. This budget included the 2% COLA raises. The letter states that our budget was approved and would be funded by tax levy of 58.21 mills estimated to raise \$4,114,396. The rest of our budget will be funded from other revenues to include the money collected from the City and Town contracts. If we do end up with a shortfall we will go to fund balance for the remainder.

**New Pumper** – Chief Rountree and the truck committee will be leaving Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> to head to pierce for the final inspection. Pierce will then drive the truck from Wisconsin to

Spartan Apparatus, where we will pick it up and drive it home. It is expected to be here the last week of Oct. or the first week of Nov.

We made the pre-payment of \$316,000. The remaining balance of \$257,000 is due at pickup. Palmetto State Bank has offered us the loan of \$250,000 for 6 years with a 3.33% interest rate. The annual payment would be \$45,000. Which is \$5,000 more than planned but it took a year off the note so it will be 6 years verses 7 like originally planned. The first payment will be scheduled for this fiscal year in January. The other \$7,000 will come from City/Town contract money.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the loan agreement with Palmetto State Bank with the terms discussed above.

Commissioner Lanier seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Chairman Gary Bright and Commissioner John Harris signed the loan request and will be the signatures on the loan.

### **New Business**

**Helmets** – Commissioner Bright was offered a few rescue helmets from the Coast Guard. They had a surplus and didn't know if we would be interested. Chief Rountree will get with Chief Webb and decide if we have a need for them since we are currently in the process of selling the jet skis.

### **Chief's Report**

(Printed and included in the Commission Packet.)

The annual financial audit is scheduled to begin soon. Roughly October 2<sup>nd</sup> according to the letter sent by Lisa Wechsler that is needed for approval should we decide to have her complete out audit again this year. The commission all agreed that they are very happy with her service over the past couple of years.

Commissioner Harris motioned to award the FY 12 audit to Lisa Wechsler again and not to exceed the amount of \$7,900.

Commissioner Lanier seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Peeples motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned 19:50

\*Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.